

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A product sample for a wing type display comprising:
upper and lower edge portions rigidly spaced apart;
an upper hinge member secured to the upper edge portion;

the upper hinge member including a pin, extending therefrom, dimensioned to be received in a pin receptacle of a wing type display, and first and second opposed portions between which the upper edge portion of the product sample is secured with the pin extending outwardly away from the product sample upper edge portion; and

a lower hinge member associated with the lower edge portion;

the lower hinge member including a pin, extending therefrom, dimensioned to be received in a pin receptacle of a wing type display, and the lower edge portion of the product associated with the lower hinge member for support with the lower member pin extending outwardly away from the product sample lower edge portion, such that the rigidity of the product sample maintains a selected spacing of the upper and lower member pins.

2. A product sample according to claim 1 wherein:

the upper hinge member includes first and second opposed clamp members and means for securing the opposed clamp members together on an upper edge of the product sample; and

the lower hinge member is secured to the lower edge portion of the product sample.

3. A product sample according to claim 1 wherein the upper hinge member includes a slot for in which an upper edge of the product sample is secured and the lower hinge member includes a slot in which a lower edge of the product sample is supported..

4. A product sample according to claim 3 wherein the upper and lower hinge members are secured to respective edges of the product sample by a friction fit.

5. A product sample according to claim 4 wherein the upper and lower hinge members are secured to respective edges of the product sample by a fastener.

6. A product sample according to claim 1 wherein the upper and lower hinge members have a common construction, the upper hinge member is secured to an upper edge of the product sample and the lower hinge member is secured a lower edge of the product sample.

7. A wing type display system for displaying a plurality of product samples comprising:

opposed upper and lower bracket members mounted a selected distance apart;

a series of pin receptacles defined in the upper bracket member, each receptacle associated with a hinge point of the lower bracket;

a plurality of upper hinge members, each including a pin, extending therefrom, dimensioned to be received in any one of the pin receptacles;

each upper hinge member comprising first and second opposed portions configured to secure an upper edge portion of a product sample therebetween;

a plurality of lower hinge member, each including a hinge element configured for hinge association with any one of the hinge points of the lower bracket; and

each lower hinge member configured to support a lower edge portion of a product sample such that the rigidity of the product sample maintains a selected spacing between upper and lower hinge members when the product sample is mounted for display.

8. A wing type display system according to claim 7 wherein a series of pin receptacles is defined in the lower bracket member, each receptacle corresponding to one of the hinge points of the lower bracket, and each lower hinge member including a pin, extending therefrom, dimensioned to be received in any one of the lower bracket pin receptacles, such that the rigidity of the product sample maintains a selected spacing of the upper and lower hinge member pins.

9. A wing type display system according to claim 8 wherein an upper hinge member is secured to an upper edge of each of a plurality of displayed product sample and a lower hinge member is secured a lower edge of each of a plurality of displayed product sample.

10. A method of displaying rigid sample panels comparison:

- a) providing upper and lower brackets mounted in spaced alignment a selected distance apart, the upper bracket having an array of apertures and the lower bracket having a corresponding array of hinge points;
- b) affixing an upper hinge member having a hinge pin to an upper edge of a first sample panel such that the hinge pin projects upwardly from the upper panel edge;
- c) inserting the hinge pin of the hinge member affixed to the first panel upper edge into one of the top bracket apertures and positioning the first panel such that a portion to a bottom edge of the panel is positioned over a lower bracket hinge point corresponding to the top bracket aperture into which the hinge pin is inserted; and
- d) lowering the first panel sample such that the lower panel edge becomes hingedly mounted to the lower bracket at the lower bracket hinge point over which the first panel was positioned while maintaining the hinge pin of the upper hinge member within the upper bracket aperture into which it had been inserted whereby the first sample panel is

hingedly mounted between the upper and lower bracket for display and the rigidity of the sample panel maintaining the upper hinge member spaced from the lower bracket.

11. A method according to claim 10 wherein steps b, c, and d are repeated a plurality of times, each time with respect to a different sample panel, whereby a plurality of sample panels are hingedly mounted between the upper and lower brackets for display.

12. A method according to claim 10 further comprising:

c1) prior to step d, affixing a lower hinge member to a lower edge of the first sample panel such that a lower member hinge pin projects downwardly from the lower panel edge and the rigidity of the sample panel maintains a vertical spacing between the upper and lower hinge member pins; and

wherein step d includes lowering the lower member hinge pin into one of a series of apertures defined in the lower bracket.

13. A method according to claim 12 wherein steps b, c, c1, and d are repeated a plurality of times, each time with respect to a different sample panel, whereby a plurality of sample panels are hingedly mounted between the upper and lower brackets for display.

14. A method according to claim 13 further comprising removing a hingedly mounted sample panel by upwardly displacing the sample panel so that the pin of the lower hinge member affixed there to is raised above the lower bracket, tilting the sample panel such that the lower hinge member pin is clear of the lower bracket and lowering the sample panel such that the pin of the upper hinge member affixed to the panel is removed from the upper bracket aperture into which it had been inserted.

15. A method according to claim 10 further comprising:

c1) prior to step d, installing a lower hinge member on the lower bracket such that the lower hinge member is hingedly mounted on a hinge point corresponding to the upper bracket aperture into which the upper hinge member pin attached to the upper panel edge is to be inserted; and

wherein step d includes lowering the first panel sample into supporting engagement with the lower hinge member.

16. A method according to claim 15 wherein steps b, c, c1, and d are repeated a plurality of times, each time with respect to a different sample panel, whereby plurality of sample panels are hingedly mounted between the upper and lower brackets for display.

17. A method according to claim 16 further comprising removing a hingedly mounted sample panel by upwardly displacing the sample panel so that the lower hinge member becomes disengaged, tilting the sample panel such that it is clear of the lower hinge member and lowering the sample panel such that the pin of the upper hinge member affixed to the panel is removed from the upper bracket aperture into which it had been inserted.